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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 8, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed along with a petition for a two-month extension of time on October 10, 2006, the first business day following the Sunday, October 8, 2006 date—October 9, 2006 being a federal holiday—that is five calendar months from the mailing date of the Office action, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 19 of this paper, and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 24 of this paper.